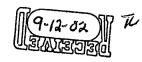
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Sir:

Applicants submit the present Amendment and Response in reply to the Office Action mailed on April 12, 2002, and in accordance with the telephonic interview held with Examiner Chung on September 11, 2002. A response to the Office Action is due no later than October 12, 2002. Please charge the amount of \$200.00 for the two-month response extension fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) to our Deposit Account No. 09-0946. Please consider the following remarks and enter the amendments set forth below.

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